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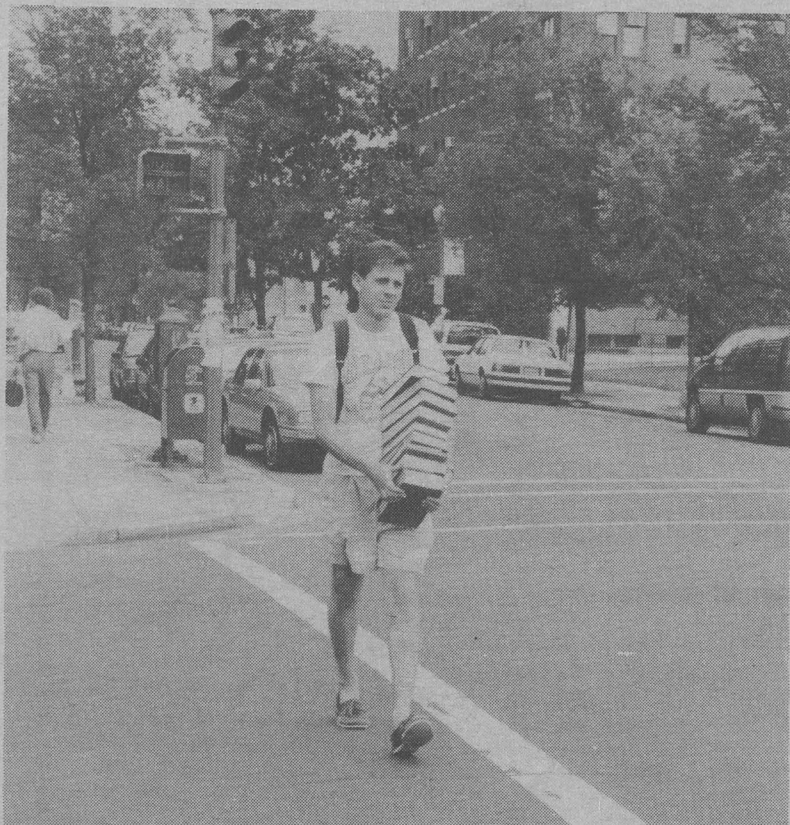


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PREPARING FOR A CRAM SESSION, a student heads home from Gelman with some light reading.

Union, GW negotiating contract

Employee health care costs and wages are at heart of dispute

by Robert S. Greenfield

Hatchet Staff Writer

University administration and GW housekeeping employees have been unable to agree on a new contract primarily because of an impasse concerning health care insurance costs, according to Chief Negotiator for the union Steven Godoff. The University has threatened to permanently replace any employees if they strike when the current contract extension expires at midnight, July 17, Godoff said.

The last contract, signed in 1988, was due to expire on July 1, but the University and its employees, including the housekeeping staff at the hospital, agreed to extend that contract until July 17.

Under the current contract, the University pays \$113.15 per month of an employee's cheapest option for family health insurance costs, while the employee contributes \$216.56 per month for the same option.

GW's proposal for a new contract calls for the University's insurance payments to remain constant while the

employee's payments will increase by \$.26 an hour for the lowest option family health insurance costs, and by \$.28 for the highest option, Godoff said. The differences between the low and high option plans involve the amount of the deductible paid by the employee when the insurance is needed, he added.

The University and the employees, represented by Local 82 of the Service Employees' International Union, are trying to agree on a three-year contract, Godoff said. Because of the uncertainty of how much health care costs may grow during the three-year life of the agreement, the two sides are now trying to reach a one-year agreement on wage increases, Godoff said.

In order to afford the insurance increases, the union is asking for a wage increase of \$.40, an approximate increase of 4.5 percent, according to Godoff. He said the projected rate of inflation by the Wharton Econometrics Forecasting Association is 4.5 percent nationally and "we're willing to go with national levels, though D.C.'s will be higher."

Godoff said the union is asking for a reasonable increase. "It is essentially a cost of living increase, period," he said, adding the wage increase would include a \$.35 increase retroactive to July 1, the day the new contract would have taken effect. A second increase of \$.05 would come in January.

The University's current offer is an increase of \$.28 retroactive to July 1 and a second increase of \$.04 in January.

The union, representing about 500 GW employees, has given ten days notice, as required by federal law, before they may strike if an agreement is not reached by Wednesday, Godoff said. The employees have not held a vote to decide whether or not to strike.

According to Godoff, the University has notified employees that if they do strike the University may hire permanent replacements.

Godoff said he is shocked by the University's attitude thus far in the negotiations. "These are people you're talking about — some of who have

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Health insurance rates skyrocket

GW won't contribute more, employees pay with higher premiums

by Deborah Solomon

News Editor

Some GW employees have seen their health insurance premiums nearly double this year due to increasing health care costs estimated at 20 percent per year by insurance carrier Blue Cross/Blue Shield in recent years, according to Vice President for Information and Administrative Services Walter M. Bortz.

Bortz said the reason the premiums are so high is primarily a result of GW employees' extensive health care treatment. Since GW is a self-insured university, it is responsible for all claims and expenses and pays out a certain portion of the premium. The rest of the cost is paid by the employee, Bortz said.

Many GW employees have dependents who become ill and use the plan, Bortz said. On top of basic health care, people have transplants and surgery, and the cost for these procedures are borne by the entire group, he added.

GW offers five health insurance plans, according to Director of Records and Management for the University Jenny Chalk. The Blue Cross/Blue Shield Indemnity plan is the "deluxe" package, and the most costly. Regular full-time employees will pay about \$465 each month for family coverage. Last year's price for the same plan was approximately \$260. Employees are criticizing the 79 percent raise in price because they say they see no dramatic changes in the plan to merit an increase of over \$200.

The Blue Cross/Blue Shield PPO plan is being offered for the first time this year. This is the standard plan for a family, and the premium per month is \$145.

Capital Care is a Health Maintenance Organization and costs \$292 per month for the family plan, up \$34 from 1990.

The last two plans are GW Health Insurance Plans. GWUHP Standard for family coverage costs about \$216 per month, as opposed to \$174 last year. The other GW policy, GWUHP High for family coverage, costs \$263 each month, an increase of \$46 from 1990.

Bortz said although the amount of money for health

insurance increased more than 20 percent this year, GW decided not to change the amount of money they pay out on behalf of the employees. He said instead the University decided to use that money for increases in employees' salaries. "If GW had increased their payments, money for raises would be gone," he said.

Because GW has not increased the amount they pay out, employees have more to pay. Bortz said not much can be done to lower the cost, but he added the University has come up with two ways to possibly cut health care costs for employees in the future.

One option would be to increase the deductible, the amount of money an employee pays out before using the plan. The other alternative Bortz suggested is to take away some of the benefits in the plan so certain conditions and illnesses are no longer covered. Bortz said a possible third option would be to raise tuition. He noted, however, the University is not strongly considering this last option.

Despite the cost, comparisons between the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Indemnity plan and the Standard plan show there are not many noticeable differences. Bortz said he sees two main differences.

The first is the deductible, he said. The Indemnity plan's deductible is \$250 per person, with a \$750 per family maximum. The Standard plan's deductible is \$750 per person, with a \$2250 per family maximum.

The second difference Bortz cited was the co-insurance provision. On the Indemnity plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield pays 80 percent of the Usual, Customary and Reasonable rate for the service provided. The standard plan will pay 70 percent of the UCR unless the patient uses a recommended doctor, in which case they will pay 80 percent. Bortz said almost all doctors in the District of Columbia are recommended doctors.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield's Assistant Director of Public Relations and Advertising Barbara Exstrum said GW's high premium is not unusual. She said the cost of health

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Report issued on UPD

Student-officer relations examined

by Wayne Milstead

News Editor

The Committee on Campus Security released a report last week discussing its recommendations for better relations between University Police and the GW community, according to Committee Chair Mary Jo Warner.

"Three subcommittees met during the spring and compiled reports on different aspects of relations. The reports were compiled into one and sent to Vice President (for Student and Academic Support Services Robert) Chernak last week," Warner said.

Each subcommittee focused on a different subject area, Warner said, noting the areas were protocol, human relations, training, education and orientation.

"The intent of the Committee on Security is to be productive and make a safe environment for the community. We thought we should look at areas such as training and make improvements if need be," Warner said.

The study was ordered by Chernak last spring after concern had risen over student-security relations, according to Warner.

University Police Director Curtis Goode said the Kevin Turner incident, which sparked debate on campus concerning policies for showing student identification and relations between students and security, was a motivating factor in the formation of the subcommittees. "That incident was a motivating factor in the committee doing its job. When a special situation arises the committee looks into it. This was a

special situation where Chernak chose to use the committee," Goode said.

Warner said several people were added to the committee for the purpose of examining relations. "People were added so we had a representation of the campus. We had a wonderful group that was interested in campus security," she said.

According to Goode, the next step is for him to meet with Chernak to discuss ways to explore the recommendations of the committee and form a plan for action. "The key to quality law enforcement is to stay abreast of the issues. I have every intent of doing that," he added.

"Our recommendation was kept general because we are not police officers. We felt we should leave some things up to the professionals," Warner said.

The report lists separate issues under the three different subject headings and then offers recommendations to solve the issues.

Section one discusses protocol and asks the question "Do portions of the George Washington University Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities

adequately address regulations governing student identification cards?" The report states that wording should be added to the clause in the Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities to stress the importance of presenting University identification upon request.

The report says a clause directing University Police Officers to "respond to questions as to why identification is

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SUMMER PROGRAMS

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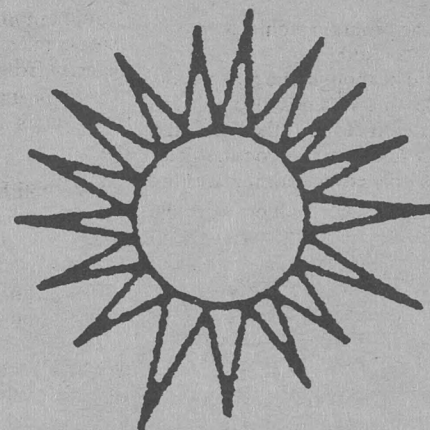
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	"The Wall" on the Wall	3rd Floor Terrace 9pm
12	Orioles vs. Kansas City*	Depart 4:30pm, Gametime 7:35pm
13	Ice Cream Bash	H Street Terrace 12-1pm
15	Canoeing Trip	Thompson's Boathouse 1-5pm
17	Staff, Faculty & Student BBQ	Library Quad 2-4pm
18	Russian Village Folk Festival	Wolf Trap, Depart 6pm, Showtime 8:15pm
19	STEVE WINWOOD, JOE COCKER	Merriweather Depart 4pm, Showtime 6:30pm
20	Ice Cream Bash	H Street Terrace 12-1pm
	B. B. King	Wolf Trap, Depart 6pm, Showtime 8:15pm
25	Bach and Bagels	H Street Terrace 7:30-10am
27	Ice Cream Bash	H Street Terrace 12-1pm
29	Wild World	Largo, Md. 10am-7pm

JULY

2	"Chorus Line"	Wolf Trap, Depart 6pm, Showtime 8:15pm
9	"D.C. and Desserts"	Night tour of D.C., 9pm
11	Ice Cream Bash	H Street Terrace 12-1pm
12	JIMMY BUFFETT	Merriweather Depart 4pm, Showtime 6:30pm
13	Rehoboth Beach	Depart 7am, Return 9pm
16	Bach and Bagels	H Street Terrace 7:30-10am
18	Ice Cream Bash	H Street Terrace 12-1pm
19	BOB DYLAN	Wolf Trap, Depart 6pm, Showtime 8:15pm
20	Orioles vs. Seattle*	Depart 4:30pm, Gametime 7:35pm
24	Orioles vs. California*	Depart 4:30pm, Gametime 7:35pm
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900 students attend summer orientation

CI staff prepares for transfer students

by Danielle Noll
Hatchet Staff Writer

Approximately 900 students participated in Colonial Inauguration, an orientation program for incoming freshmen, during four three-day sessions held throughout June, according to Steve Loflin, acting assistant director for student activities.

Based on evaluations of the program, students enjoyed meeting the Colonial Cabinet and other new students, participating in small group sessions with a Colonial Cabinet member and watching the members perform in different skits, Loflin said.

"I think the program went exceptionally well," he said.

Loflin said he thought the 600 parents who attended the sessions also enjoyed interacting with each other through small group sessions and communicating with members of the administration.

Sophomore Rachel Talbert said she enjoyed working with the parents in small groups. "Since the parents were more relaxed than the students, it was a different atmosphere," she said. "We have to get the students excited about college and motivate them as well."

Sophomore Tim Weishaar said maintaining a high energy level throughout the four sessions was a challenge. "Sometimes we almost lost our drive, but then, right before each activity, a burst of strength came from nowhere and got us going," he said.

Now that the first four sessions are over, Cabinet members are preparing for a transfer student session July 25 and 26, Loflin said. "We're expecting at least 100 students so far, but more may register by the July 18 deadline," he added.

The agenda for the transfer session includes academic orientation and advising, information sessions and registration, according to Loflin. The No-Time Players, an improvisational

comedy group made up of GW students who performed at the first four CIs, will return for another performance, he added.

Steve Sitrin, assistant director for Marvin Center operations noted the transfer session is a "condensed version" of the earlier sessions since the students have dealt with college life before.

"There is more emphasis on academic orientation because the students are more concerned with that aspect and have adjusted to college before," Sitrin said.

Sophomore Jenny Miehl said she expects the transfer sessions to be very different from the others. "We will have to prepare more and be able to answer the students' specific questions," Miehl said.

"We will have to get on the level of transfer students and learn what they ask about as far as academics are concerned," Weishaar said.

Communication with the new students and their parents will continue throughout the summer, Loflin said, since Cabinet members will write letters to each of the students and parents in their special groups.

According to Loflin, Cabinet members will also facilitate the Student Association's "Welcome Week" activities which begin after the last CI session in late August. From August 23 to Labor Day, Cabinet members will interact with the new students as a "continuation of the orientation program," Loflin said.

"They have been a great group of students to work with," Loflin said, "and we're looking for an equally good Cabinet for next year." Information sessions about the program will begin in late October and the selection process should be completed before the December holidays, Loflin added.

BOT approves 1991-92 budget; tuition costs hiked 8 percent

by Yosefi Seltzer
Hatchet Staff Writer

Tuition will rise eight percent for incoming freshmen as a result of a 9.7 percent increase in University expenses in the Fiscal 1991-1992 Operating and Capital Budget, according to the 1991-92 University Operating and Capital Budget report. The higher expenses are attributable to bad debt, interest expense for the Virginia Campus and the need for increased financial aid assistance and maintenance to existing buildings, the report said.

In addition to these expenses, the Board of Trustees approved looking into the next stage of planning for renovations to the Smith Center and Marvin Center along with the construction of a new recreation center in the immediate future, according to Vice President and Treasurer Louis H. Katz.

One aspect considered in proposing the budget was the projected overall decline in this year's enrollment by 220 students, the report said. The decline is expected in undergraduate programs, with graduate enrollments expected to continue at present numbers.

The Board of Trustees first screened the Operating and Capital Budget for the 1991-92 fiscal year March 21. Based on the Board's additional concerns, the final draft was approved May 9 as restructured by Katz.

According to the report, the Northern Virginia Campus was allocated \$2,888,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year, 227 percent more than the 1990-91 approved funds of \$883,000. The Virginia campus will also receive \$3,720,000 for current expenses during fiscal 1991-92 — up 172 percent from \$1,368,000 for fiscal 1990-91, according to the report.

In addition, the 75,000 square foot, \$18 million Virginia Campus Building One is scheduled to be completed in July and August of 1991, with \$5,707,000 allocated for late bills for fiscal year 1992, Katz said.

Student aid has been allocated an additional \$9.9 million — up 30 percent from \$27.5 million to \$37.4

million for the 1990-91 fiscal year, the report says.

The increased financial aid is both merit and need based, according to Katz.

"Because of the economy, we added more need-based aid. For some students, the new aid available will be the best thing since sliced bread. Some won't like it. Response will vary," he said.

Katz said he has had several meetings with former Student Association President Frank Petramale and has begun discussions with current SA President Kyle Farmbry about the various allocations and prioritizing of needs.

Faculty and staff compensation will increase by approximately four percent with the funds coming directly from the budget increase. Total benefits are budgeted at 24 percent for full-time faculty and staff and eight percent for part-timers which will come directly from savings, not budget increases, according to the report.

The libraries have been allocated \$8,894,000 for fiscal year 1991-92 is 13.7 percent more than the \$7,821,000 allocated for FY 1990-91, the report says.

The updating and preventive maintenance to the campus' security system will be funded based on the \$600,000 it was allocated. Various residence halls' renovations will be funded from a \$530,000 budget subsidy and classrooms will be renovated based on a \$500,000 budget, according to the report.

Other allocations include \$350,000 for Monroe Hall, \$253,000 for Lisner Auditorium and \$400,000 for repairs to the parking garage. The report also says \$236,000 is set aside for the library reading room, \$114,000 for administrative facilities and \$68,000 is allocated for academic facilities.

A separate Campus Development Study to analyze the overall utilization of campus space will receive \$800,000 in funding as well, Katz said.

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Pre-college minority program wins award

by Karmela Lejarde
Hatchet Staff Writer

The American Association of Higher Education and the College Board presented GW's Multicultural Student Services Center with the "Exemplary Partnership for Minority Students Achievement" award June 23 for its pre-college programs at a ceremony in Atlanta.

"GW was saluted as one of the three universities with model college programs targeted towards minority achievement," Valerie Epps, MSSC director, said. "GW's college preparatory programs were also commended for their collaboration with area (high) schools," she added.

Epps said "The University, by holding these programs, is attempting to identify talented students at an early age to encourage them to pursue a college education."

Several of the programs are held in conjunction with and funded primarily by the District government and corporate sponsors, according to Epps. The 40 high school freshmen in Program 3-2

are attending classes at GW three days a week and working in a GW department for two days a week during the summer.

Students are assigned to various departments for six weeks, and they receive a stipend for performing mostly clerical work, according to Epps.

The three-year-old program, D.C. Works, is targeted towards older high school students and designed to encourage college attendance. The program engages students in college-level academics and exposes them to the work force, Epps said.

Epps said the students, mostly juniors and seniors in high school, live in University housing and are also provided with a stipend.

The intensive yearlong program Project Enrich has been cancelled by the District government this summer due to administrative changes, Epps said.

Project Enrich involved 40 to 75 students visiting the school every weekend during the school year, along with classes and employment at the University during the summer, she said.

EDITORIALS

Doubting Thomas

Clarence Thomas's nomination to the Supreme Court should not be approved and not just because his nomination is politically convenient for President Bush. Thomas simply is not otherwise qualified to sit on the highest court in the land.

The Supreme Court exists to serve the people. It is not an institution to be used to perpetuate the president's ideology. In President Bush's mind, however, it does exist to serve him. Bush does not seem entirely concerned with finding a nominee who will dutifully and impartially interpret the Constitution. He instead nominated Thomas in a slick political move to further push the court to the right.

Bush appears to have given more consideration to finding a die-hard Republican rather than to seeking out an experienced and respected legal figure. Thomas has been a federal judge for barely a year, he has written few opinions and his miserable record as head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission just increases doubt that this man deserves a lifetime appointment to the Court. Does Bush really believe Thomas is the best possible candidate for the Court, or, more likely, does he just believe Thomas is the best appointment to satisfy some of the president's political needs?

Clarence Thomas, if approved, will be another yes man for conservatives. Undoubtedly, the next justice will be a conservative, but unlike some of the current conservatives on the bench, let's at least have a conservative who has interpreted the law a little longer than Thomas.

Thomas was approved by the Senate as a judge on the D.C. Court of Appeals and he is qualified for the position. But he is not yet suitable for the Supreme Court. At the very least, the nominee for the High Court should be more practiced than Thomas. If the Court bench is to retain its integrity as the finest legal minds in the land, then the Senate's verdict on Thomas should be no.

Hurtin' for certain

Don't look any further than campus to get an idea of how health insurance policies are creating problems nationwide.

Health insurance costs are rising everywhere — though the benefits remain the same — and the burden of payment is causing troubles for employers and employees alike. The major stumbling block in current contract negotiations between the University and housekeeping employees is over health insurance payments.

Health insurance is becoming increasingly difficult for low-income families to buy, causing more people to not carry any. People unable to purchase health insurance are not the only ones who suffer in such cases, however.

GW Hospital provided \$30 million of unpaid health care last year to patients who did not carry insurance. That formidable figure is one big reason why the University is unable to bear the cost of insurance increases for its employees. The hospital is required by law to provide health care to any patient, with or without insurance, who is in a life-threatening situation and this cost is quite obviously passed on in the form of increased health care costs to everyone else.

The current situation is in dire need of change — whether it be by implementing a national policy or by restructuring current policies. One reasonable solution appears to be increased deductibles. While the initial higher cost sounds restrictive, the savings in the long run as compared to higher premiums is minimal.

Doctors' medical judgments should not be second-guessed, but certainly there should also be a stringent review policy to prevent physicians from cheating insurance companies and their patients of money by performing unnecessary procedures.

Health insurance problems nationwide and right here at GW are becoming increasingly more difficult to deal with. Something must be done soon before the problem becomes a veritable disaster that will make everyone suffer dire consequences.

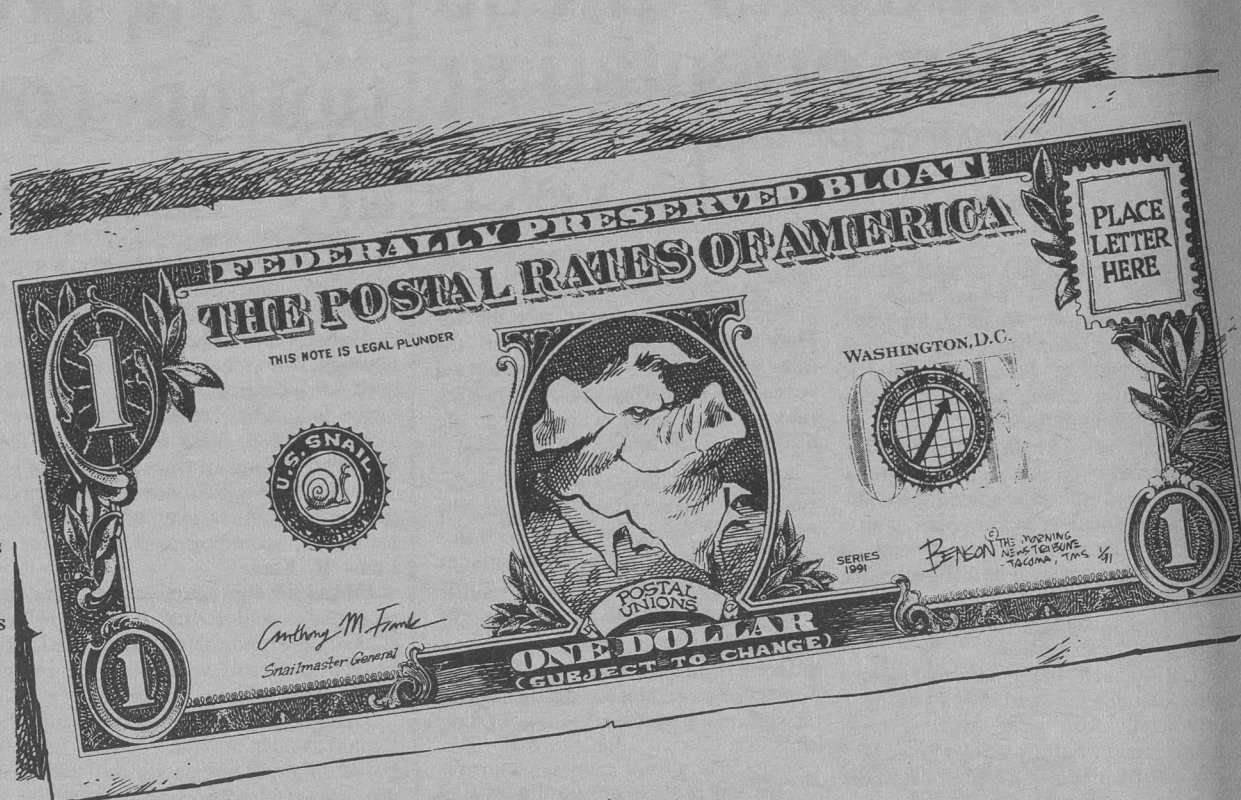
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OPINION

What the eclipse brought to light

"When we try to pick anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe," naturalist John Muir once said. It seems entirely possible that Muir's inspiration to say those words came after experiencing an eclipse, much like the one last week.

Viewing the eclipse on CNN's "Sonja Live!" provided the most exciting five minutes of television I have seen all summer. I never thought I would call five minutes of anything on "Sonja Live!" exciting, but, after bearing through an enthralling debate about organ transplants, I finally got to see the total solar eclipse — and believe me, it was exciting and worth waiting for.

I realize that something as magnificent as an eclipse of the sun is probably better seen outdoors than on TV. But when Washington's share of the eclipse is only seven percent — which is unnoticeable to the naked eye — it makes more sense (oddly) to stay inside and see the near-real thing on CNN.

And, even on a mere television screen, it was an amazing sight. Having disintegrated into a glowing crescent in the sky, the sun slowly diminished to a halo as the moon dropped in place in front of it. Within moments the moon was fully blocking the light of the sun and would stay in that position of totality for the next several minutes. I laughed with amazement.

I have taken Professor Hobbes's astronomy course, I have read articles about the eclipse and I have seen planets up-close through telescopes, but none of this prepared me for the pure awe I

experienced at seeing this eclipse — I cannot begin to imagine what it must have been like to actually have seen it for real.

Part of the reason the eclipse is so incredible is because it is seemingly a fluke of the cosmos. The moon just happens to be the right size, the right distance and in the proper orbit for eclipses to occur. Several other planets have moons but no other planet has eclipses like the ones on Earth.

This fluke of nature is really mind-boggling because it cannot help but make you wonder just how accidental other natural occurrences are, too.

Robert S. Greenfield

The fortunate tilt of the Earth's axis, for example, is what gives us the seasons.

The chemical composition of our atmosphere is what gives us a blue sky.

The distance of the Earth from the sun makes it the only planet on which it is possible for life, as we know it, to exist.

That there is life at all is likely the result of a few chance elements bonding many millions of years ago to form the first living matter.

And from coast to coast in this country alone there are numerous displays,

some called national parks, of the seemingly haphazardly created beauty of the Earth. The Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, the Painted Desert, the northern lights, Carlsbad Caverns, Old Faithful and sunrises are only a few of the tremendous sights of nature that are, as Muir said, "hitched to everything else in the universe."

An eclipse is not as accessible to us as, say, a quiet walk through Rock Creek Park, but an eclipse reminds us that Rock Creek Park still exists for us when we need some contact with our natural environment.

It is not necessary to sleep naked on mountain tops to fully realize that we, too, are hitched to any side of nature. But it seems sensible to periodically make an effort to at least explore or experience some phenomena of nature in order to better understand ourselves and our origins. Whether it be by climbing a tree or a mountain, or just by sitting alongside a rushing river, any conscious encounter with our environment can only serve to instill in us a greater appreciation of the vast realm of nature.

Albert Einstein was keenly aware of the importance of nature in our modern world when he said, "The most beautiful and profound emotion we can experience is the sensation of the mystical. It is the source of all true science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead."

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OPINION

Loss of friend leaves behind new outlook on life, death

I thought I suffered through the worst day of my life July 5 when I learned that my best friend from home had been killed in a car accident. But that miserable distinction of worst day soon went to July 8 when, with hundreds of others, I helped bury my dear friend Jon.

In my nearly 21 years of life, I had never felt such pain. I went home, and for those four days, I was sure I was the one who had died. My body was moving, but there was nothing inside of it. Numbness, confusion, disbelief and denial filled my senses.

Though I just named some of the emotions I believe I was going through, they do not adequately describe what I felt. No words can. The days I was home are just a blur only a week later. Time stood still those days, and now it seems they never happened, except the loss I went through is still quite real.

The finality of it all did not hit until the funeral. The realization that a friend is lying in a coffin, though you know he does not belong there, is terrifying and agonizing. It can literally cripple you with sorrow.

Irrational thoughts filled my head. I was a pallbearer, and as I slid Jon's coffin into the hearse and later helped lower it into his grave, I almost felt I was delivering him to his death.

The final jolt was at the end of the burial ceremony when I looked at the grave and then eventually just turned away. I felt I was turning my back on him — forever.

Accepting death is a difficult thing for anyone, especially young people. But when it is a young person who dies, accepting it is more difficult and the emotions are all the more intensified.

Of the many questions that need to be answered, "why?" seems to be the most difficult one to answer and sort out. Jon was only 19, and at the very least it seems like such a waste to have his life taken from him.

There is a question, however, about who I was really mourning for. In the July 7 Washington Post Magazine, Richard Cohen's column, titled "Life After Death," tells of a woman who lost her 20-year-old daughter in the explosion of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. The timing of the article's publication made it seem especially relevant to me.

After recently speaking with the woman, Cohen argues that she, and all who suffer a loss of someone close to us, are really mourning our own loss. Cohen adds that especially in the case of the young who die suddenly, it is the ones left behind who are "cheated" and

"robbed" of their lives and who will "suffer," possibly all their lives.

Cohen says sometimes he believes he is the only one who thinks this way. And while I do not completely agree with his ideas, he does make some excellent points that I do feel the same as him about. Yes, I do feel that without warning Jon was taken from me and all of us who loved him — I cry knowing I will never be able to spend another minute with him. All the childhood memories remain — the countless baseball and football games we played in my back yard.

The memories that seemed so real that night on his deck were ancient history by the following weekend when I returned home so soon after leaving. My heart was breaking and quite frankly, I was pissed off with everyone, including God, who had let the accident happen.

Where Cohen is wrong is in his belief that we do not mourn for the person who has passed away. That is what I hurt from the most. There were so many things Jon wanted to do, so many causes he had only just begun to champion. I am sure he would have made a difference in the world and that because of him the world would never have been the same again. Instead, it is with me that he has made the difference and it is me who will never again be the same. Still, I do mourn for Jon.

And while I feel abandoned in the sense that Jon and I were going to work on great things together, I, and surely others, are not so selfish that we only miss Jon because he has left us. It is part, but surely not all of our pain.

As I sit back and ponder what I have experienced in the last week, I feel quite removed from the scene. That, of course, is what a good journalist is supposed to do. This time, however, what I feel is an empty sense of nothing-

ness, not objectivity. It is a feeling I wish I could get rid of, but it is not easy. I never will be completely free of it.

What I have gotten out of the experience is a better sense of life. I want to do things I have never done and I want to do things I enjoy again and again. There is a fire that is kindled inside of me — one that never before existed and one that will only grow as time goes on.

Before deciding to write this piece, I wondered if anyone would really care, or if this was an appropriate subject since Jon was not a GW student. But what kept entering my mind was that we all have to deal with our mortality at one time or another, even if it is because of the death of a friend or someone else we care about. It is a subject we should grapple with from time to time, but instead we lose sight of our mortality because we have our own lives to think

about. What we cannot afford to do is forget about it completely. We have to live our lives to the fullest and not keep putting off the things we mean to do. Because just like my friend Jon, you never know.

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Ted Gotsch

And the memories kept accumulating as we continued to grow up, including the memory of a trip two weeks ago to a bar near home and the rest of the evening on his deck getting drunk. That night we talked about all the old times.

Foreign policy failed in Iraq, not Glaspie

This summer I have had the opportunity to gain some inside knowledge of the inner workings of the U.S. Department of State. I have found it to be both an interesting and exciting place to work, and although my experiences there have given me a great appreciation for the work of the members of the U.S. Foreign Service, I am not so pleased with what I have learned about how easily these representatives are named as scapegoats when there is a failure of U.S. foreign policy.

Recently, in the Washington Post, as well as in other local and national media, the efforts of diplomats of this country have been greatly scrutinized. One particular victim of this is former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq April Glaspie.

In the wake of the Gulf War, questions have arisen about why the United States did not prevent Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait. Unfortunately, many have placed the blame on Ambassador Glaspie. While I believe it is true the United States knew that Iraq was preparing to invade Kuwait, I can say emphatically that the fault does not lie with the work of Glaspie. The reason the Gulf War occurred was because the United States lacked a cohesive foreign policy on the Middle East.

The fact is United States foreign policy sometimes quickly reverses itself. This is especially true in the Middle East. While these policy changes are noticed and criticized by the public, few realize that in those countries there are men and women representing the United States who must struggle to accommodate such policy shifts without causing hostility in their host countries. It is little wonder that

April Glaspie appears inconsistent in her Congressional testimony about her activity while in Iraq.

Throughout the Iran-Iraq war, the United States turned a blind eye to the atrocities committed by Saddam Hussein in the interest of providing a balance to Iran. American diplomats in Iraq thus were courting Iraq as an alternate regional power. It is well known that President Bush, before the Aug. 2 invasion, had told Glaspie to express United States desire for friendlier relations with Iraq — even while Iraqi troops were massing at the Kuwaiti border.

Maria Proestou

April Glaspie, in her meetings with Saddam Hussein, was merely following orders — she was approaching Iraq in friendship. The reports she cabled in about these meetings reflected this. This does not mean that she did not deal with Saddam Hussein harshly enough. If Congress intends to reprimand someone for the Gulf War crisis, then it should look to the source of the United States policy — not to the person who carried out the details.

The recent hype about Ambassador Glaspie is once again a case of punishing the messenger for the message.

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Filling quotas on Supreme Court

President Bush's selection of Clarence Thomas to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court left by retiring Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall has to leave one perplexed. What happened to Bush's claim that he opposed filling quotas? Also, with Thomas's nomination to the nation's highest court isn't the president just filling the black seat left by Marshall?

According to the president, Thomas is the best possible choice for the court. If this is the case, why then was Thomas not a top candidate to take the place of former Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., who retired last year. Judge Thomas had been under consideration last year to fill the vacancy and yet he was passed over for an unknown, now current Justice David H. Souter, who was Bush's first appointment to the court. This is not to say that Justice Souter is not qualified to sit on the Supreme Court. However, it is just rather peculiar that Bush selected a white male to replace a white male.

Also, when Thomas was considered to replace Justice Brennan, there were a number of other candidates such as Carla Hills, a U.S. Trade Representative, who ranked much higher on Bush's short list of potential nominees. Somehow, Thomas managed to exhibit some quality or characteristic that allowed him to be at the top of this year's list, disqualifying Carla Hills who was never seriously considered for the position this time around.

One then has to ask, how is Clarence Thomas a different person today than he was just one short year

ago? He is still relatively inexperienced on the bench, having served only sixteen months on the U.S. District Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to date. The conservative views he held last year are the same views he stands by presently. Also, the same controversies which currently threaten Thomas's confirmation in the Senate would have arisen last year.

Chris Honorio

What makes this year so different from last year is the man whose shoes Thomas has been called upon to fill — Thurgood Marshall, the Supreme Court's only black justice in its two hundred year history. The president has offered no sound argument as to why Thomas is the best choice now as opposed to July of 1990. Hence, due to lack of a solid explanation, Bush makes it rather apparent that he is indeed filling a quota. I have no problem with Clarence Thomas as a nominee to the court because he does seem to be a viable choice, however, the timing of his appointment was poorly chosen.

If, Mr. Bush, you have the opportunity to fill any more vacancies during your presidency and you decide to select a minority, do it because the nominee is worthy of the position and not because he or she is a minority. Similarly, don't feel the need to replace a minority with another minority. Therefore, should something occur where you would

have to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the court's only female justice, do not fill the vacancy with another woman if there are better male alternatives. Likewise, if a situation arises in which you have to fill any of the other positions on the court, which are occupied by white males, do not name other white males to succeed them if there are minorities who would make better selections. This is in no way affirmative action, it is just plain common sense.

For Clarence Thomas, I would like to congratulate you on your nomination to the Supreme Court and I wish you the best of luck. You are finding out that you are having a rather difficult time with your confirmation. However, take comfort in the fact that no matter who President Bush would have nominated to fill the vacancy, he or she would have had just as difficult a time because of the reputation of the man being replaced. Yet you may want to consider the real reasons why you, and not someone else, was selected for such a position.

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ARTS & FEATURES

Cheap thrills

Lots of city fun on little or no money

by Meredith Fisher

You spent half the summer racing through the city streets, scanning store windows for "Help Wanted" signs. You blackened your fingers, desperately poring over the filthy, empty newsprint pages of job listings. Maybe you were one of the lucky ones who finally found a summer job — or maybe you weren't. But after the rent gets paid and the checks are in the mail for the phone company, the electric company, the insurance company and all the other people who want to take away the minuscule remainder of your after-taxes paycheck, there still isn't much money left for weekends. Now the summer's half-over and you're wondering when the fun begins.

Ah, the beauty of Cheap Thrills. If you know where to look, there are still places left in Washington that don't expect you to hand over your firstborn child as a cover charge. Believe it or not, even you can afford to enjoy life in the big city. Almost all activities sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and other museums are free, and during the summer, the parks and plazas are noisy with music. Skip the filet mignon and it might even be cheaper sometimes to eat out than to attempt the alchemy of cooking.

In conjunction with their current exhibition, "Mondo Materialis," the National Building Museum, 401 F Street, N.W., is offering free Sunday workshops at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. through Sept. 2 for anyone who would like to create their own collages from stone, tile, fabric, corrugated plywood and recycled plastic. The museum's exhibition is comprised of collages made by designers and architects using the same materials you will have the opportunity to sample. The workshop is free, but you need to reserve your spot by calling (202)272-2448. Drop-in participants will be accommodated if space is available.

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Every Saturday morning, lines of groggy and slouching twentysomething liberals stretch out the door and down the side of the main building of Eastern Market for **The Market Lunch**, located at 225 7th St., S.E. An inexpensive alternative to cold cereal or leftover macaroni, the fast-food style restaurant is open 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. No jacket, tie or even shoes necessary to get a fantastic meal here. At **Market Lunch** breakfasts of pancakes, waffles, omelettes or sandwich lunches, it is difficult to eat more than \$5 of food. Try the coffee for an extra caffeine kick. And don't forget to pick up some farm-fresh fruits and veggies from the market to put in your eco-conscious canvas sack. Any questions? (202)547-8444.

When it comes to rubbing snouts with the intellectual upper-crust, there's nothing better than attending a book party or an author's reading. On July 17, **Politics and Prose Bookstore**, 5015 Connecticut Ave., N.W., will host a celebration for Donald Ritchie's new book, *Press Gallery*, a study of press coverage of Congress during the 19th and early 20th century. These free parties are held every couple of days, so it's best to call the store at (202)364-1919 for current info.

Chapters Bookstore, at 1512 K St., N.W., will feature Stephen Dobyns July 15 at 7 p.m., reading from his new novel, *After Shocks*. The story is written from the eyes of a 10-year-old girl and begins with the disastrous Chilean earthquake of 1960. To get the full schedule of Chapters' free readings, call (202)347-5495.

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Not just for the lovesick and suicidal anymore, poetry is making a powerful comeback. The **District of Columbia Arts Center** at 2438 18th Street, N.W. hosts *Poetry Slam* every first Sunday of the month, an opportunity for local poets to share their work. Eager readers sign up at 2:30 p.m., and start reading at 3 p.m.; everyone takes turns having their ten minutes in the spotlight. Only two bucks a head for students, senior citizens and people with AIDS (\$3 for everyone else), the DCAC program won't empty your wallet. The next reading will be Aug. 4, and for more info, call (202)462-7833.

While you're in the neighborhood, be sure to stop at **El Tamarindo** (1785 Florida Ave., N.W.) and split a huge platter of super-cheap Mexican-Salvadoran food and a pitcher of margaritas. Not only is the food gooey and luscious, but the restaurant is open until 5 a.m. on weekends. Reservations? No way. But you can call (202)328-3660 for random info.

Why shell out \$30 to sit in a jacket and tie at the Kennedy Center when you can hear the **National Symphony Orchestra** in the stress-free environment of the Carter Barron Amphitheater in Rock Creek Park? Pack up the picnic basket and catch the orchestra's next free performance July 23 at 7:30 p.m. Flutist Leslie Dunner will be featured throughout the mostly Mozart and Copland program. For more details and specific directions, call (202)416-8421.

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Seven and a half bucks for a movie? Is that some executive's idea of a sick joke? Save your money and instead hop the Metro to the **National Archives**, located at Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., between 7th and 9th streets. This month, the film selection centers around theme of "The Secrets War." On July 17 at noon, *Intervention* will be shown, a 1989 film that chronicles the history of the CIA from creation in 1947 to Bay of

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Pigs failure in 1961. On July 19 at noon, *The House on 92nd Street* will retell in semi-documentary style the story of an FBI agent on the trail of Nazi agents in NYC. The Archives have films and programs at night, also. For more info, call (202)501-5000.

The **National Gallery of Art** at Constitution Ave. N.W., between 3rd and 7th streets is currently showing a series of free films taken from recent and classic cinema of China, Japan, Mexico, Chile, the Soviet Union, Cuba and Venezuela. For specifics, call (202)737-4125.

In support of their current exhibition, "Group Portrait: The First American Avant-Garde," the **National Portrait Gallery** (8th and F Streets, N.W.) theater will show two 1988 documentaries about American Modernist poets William Carlos Williams and Marianne Moore. Williams' screening is scheduled for July 15 at 12:30 p.m. and the Moore film will be shown the following day, also at 12:30 p.m. The schedule of further films is available by calling (202)357-2700.

Next door to the Portrait Gallery, the **National Museum of American Art** (8th and G streets, N.W.) presents their new exhibition, "Eadweard Muybridge and Contemporary American Photography." The collection features 85 photos from Muybridge's "Animal Locomotion" and "The Attitudes of Animals in Motion" series, and also includes approximately 30 works by 20th century artists for whom Muybridge was a seminal influence. Catch it while it's hot; this show has made headlines recently because of a decision to remove one artist's 1964 creation that some considered too similar to the experience of watching a peep show. The exhibition will be on view through Sept. 8, and you can call the standard Smithsonian Institution hot line at (202)357-2700 for more info.

Now that the **9:30 Club**, 930 F St., has installed pseudo-air conditioning in the murky music club, it's not as unpleasant a place to hang out as it might have once been. Especially now that the nightclub has been lowering their ticket prices, with many shows costing only \$5. Upcoming cheapies include *Too Much Joy* with Velocity Girl July 16 and *Monkeyspank* with smaller acts, Jade and Hole July 20. Take a chance and be the first one in your building to discover the new R.E.M. Call (202)393-0930 for schedule and ticket info.

Henry, Ford lack drive

by Maren Feltz

Take the most mediocre parts of *Ghost*, *Awakenings* and *Rain Man*. Mix 'em up with Harrison Ford as a high-powered New York attorney, Annette Bening as his socialite wife and Miki Allen as his sour-faced 10-year-old daughter and you've got the summer's token romance, *Regarding Henry*.

Romantic stories with a serious side can be a welcome break from gun-ridden action flicks and the inevitable summer sequel, but *Regarding Henry* is a disappointing option with a glaring lack of originality that even wonderman Ford can't compensate for.

The story line is predictable: Henry is one of the best lawyers in New York City until he is shot in a mugging attempt at a convenience store near his home. Stripped of his mobility, speech, and any previous memory, he is forced to start over — one step, one word at a time.

Through it all, Henry's wife, Sarah, is on the sidelines playing the familiar "devoted wife" role. Instead of destroying the man, the wounds to Henry's brain and heart give him a second chance at life — an opportunity to save a failing marriage, to rescue his relationship with his daughter and to appreciate the smaller pleasures he'd never recognized.

It's a nice story, but it is also a familiar one and it lacks the pizzazz to hold an audience for two hours. Ford's portrayal of a grown man relearning basic life skills is too reminiscent of a modified imitation of Dustin Hoffman's performance in *Rain Man*. What redeeming value he may have contributed is limited by a script of weak dialogue and too simple a span of emotions.

Facial expressions and body language are Ford's strength. His limp is convincing, though his posture seems too unnatural sometimes. Ford's look of genuine nervousness or discomfort occasionally offers an endearingly comic edge to his serious disability.

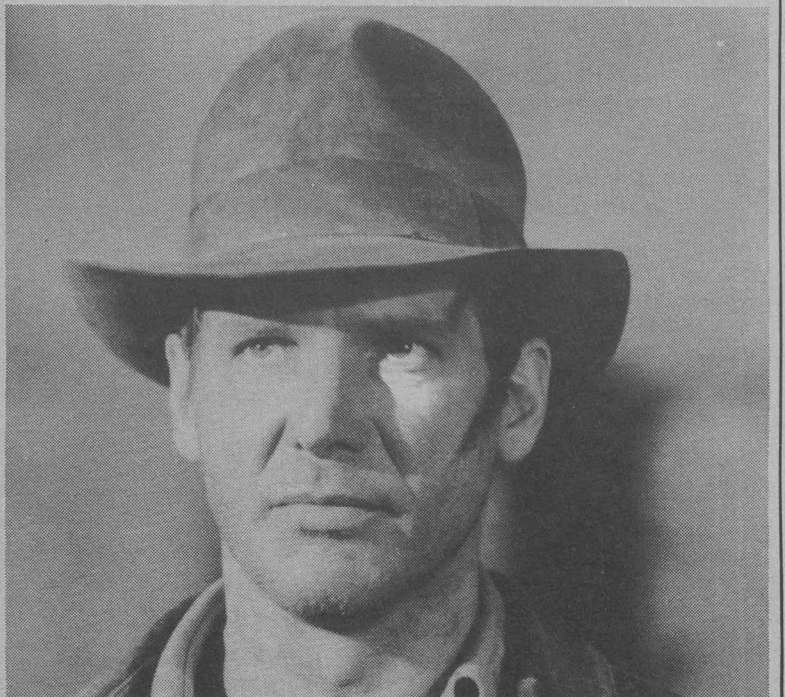
Unfortunately, not much more can be said for the rest of the cast. Bening is even more confined by poor dialogue than Ford, and she is not given the opportunity to provide the comic relief Ford does. She cries and smiles on cue, but the audience is prevented from sympathizing with her or even relating to her because of remarks that throw suspicion on her fondness for her daughter and her stability as an individual.

Allen, as Henry's daughter, seems very down-in-the-mouth for most of the movie. As she stands at the door, glowering at the father who can't remember her, you have more of an urge to hit her than comfort her. In the library, shushing her father once, she says, "Dad, I'm serious," and he says, "I know. Very."

Thankfully, as the movie progresses with the required father-daughter bonding, ten-year-old Rachel becomes a little less serious and a little more like a normal ten-year-old, whose father used to be the best lawyer in New York, lived through a bullet wound to the head and heart and now is learning to read like it was the first time. Normal.

Co-starring as Bradlee, Henry's physical therapist, is Bill Nunn, a humorous and worthwhile addition to the cast. Bradlee, responsible for Henry's rehabilitation, is a big man and worth his weight in laughs, but not without his own story to tell. He manages to break away from his weak script, but cannot do the same with the stereotype he has been assigned to play. Despite the obvious problems surrounding the design of his character, Nunn manages to pull off Bradlee in a refreshing manner.

Regarding Henry offers some funny moments and even a few small surprises — which tend to be more abrupt than legitimate twists — but it's not worth a trip to the theater. Especially amidst the summer smashes, *Regarding Henry* will fizzle and flop.



Perhaps Harrison Ford should have tried one of his daredevil stunts from his earlier days to save *Regarding Henry*'s weak script.

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Campus crime down 5.9 percent; more officers, precautions helping

by Wayne Milstead

News Editor

Crime on GW's campus is down 5.9 percent between January and July this year compared to last year's figures, according to University Police Inspector J.D. Harwell.

"Over the past two years we have been adding more people on the street so there are more officers patrolling (the campus)," Harwell said, stating one reason for the decreased crime.

The number of thefts on campus is running 7.5 percent below the rate of incidents during this same period last year, Harwell said. There have been 245 thefts between Jan. 1, 1991 and July 11, 1991 compared to 265 thefts during that same time frame in 1990, he said.

"Ninety percent of the thefts are of unattended property. Incidents such as someone leaving a purse or backpack unattended, often in a study area, and it is taken," Harwell said.

The property taken so far this year is valued at \$50,348.78, he said, noting that most of those items are personal property. "We don't lose a lot of University property. We're not losing computer and audio-visual equipment like we used to. The faculty and staff have been doing a good job of securing those items," Harwell said.

The drop in the number of thefts could also be attributed to students being more responsible with personal items, Harwell said. "People are taking more precaution with their property, but still not to the extent we would like to see," he said.

In 1989, 550 thefts occurred and the number dropped to 540 in 1990. So far this year 245 have been reported.

Harwell said he projects the total thefts for 1991 will be approximately 520 if the current rate continues through the rest of the year. "Thefts will probably pick back up at the end of this month," Harwell said, explaining that the biggest crime months on campus are October through December. "When we have the holidays people tend to take more things," he said.

According to Harwell, most thefts occur in high-volume buildings such as the Marvin Center, the Jacob Burns Law Library and the Gelman Library where people tend to study. Thefts in the Smith Center have dramatically decreased since the lockers have been redesigned and the staff has taken measures to deter crime, he said.

Beginning in the fall, University Police will report crime statistics according to the federal guidelines set forth by the "Right-to-Know" Act, UPD Director Curtis Goode said. The guidelines lists six crime categories that college campuses must report — murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft.

There were no murders on campus during 1989, 1990 and thus far in 1991, Harwell said.

Two rapes were reported on campus in 1989, but none were reported in 1990 and none have been reported this year, Harwell said.

In 1989, 13 robberies occurred on campus; in 1990, 14 robberies were reported and so far in 1991 only two have been reported, according to Harwell.

There were four incidents of aggravated assault in 1989 and 1990, Harwell said, adding that no cases have been reported for 1991. Burglaries numbered

39 during 1989 with a drop to 33 in 1990. Four burglaries have been reported for 1991, Harwell said.

In the area of motor vehicle theft, Harwell said the University had two reported in 1989, six in 1990 and one so far for 1991.

"Most street robbery occurs between November and December. We still have the big months ahead of us," Harwell said.

Harwell said the high burglary rates for 1990 were mostly made up of office burglaries for textbooks that were then resold. "Most of the thefts were by a couple of guys who robbed many universities on the east coast that year for textbooks," Harwell said.

He said the University usually does not have many cases of auto theft, noting the thefts that are reported occur either on a University lot or garage.

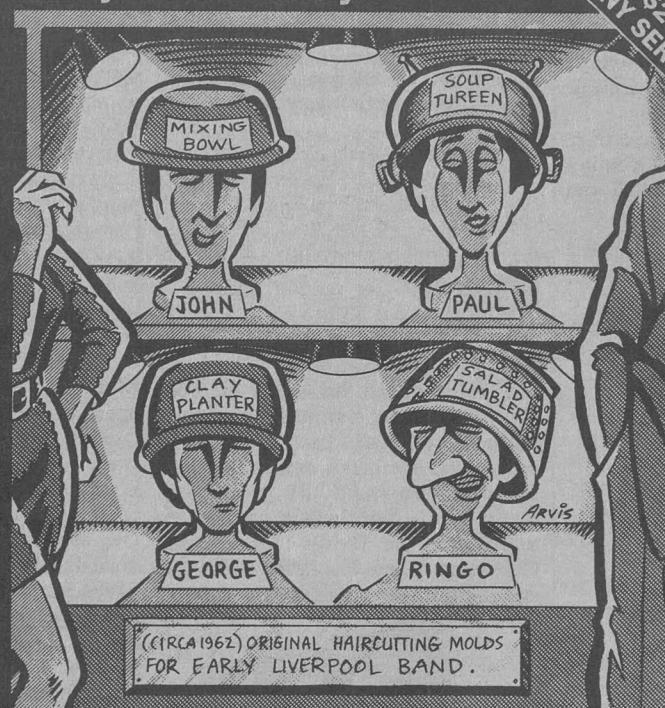
According to Harwell, the summer has been relatively slow in the number of crimes reported, but he said he expected activity to increase when classes resume.

One specific area that is a concern is bicycle theft, Harwell said. Twenty-nine bicycles have been reported stolen this year, he said, adding that the monetary value of bicycles today has made them a good target for theft.

Harwell said GW is doing well combatting crime compared to other parts of the District. "In our six basic reportable crimes I would consider us much lower than the rest of the city," Harwell said.

Harwell said students can help deter campus crime by being careful not to leave personal property unattended and by not walking alone at night. He added that students should walk in large groups and in well-lit areas, as well as use the campus escort service.

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Rice Hall, AC to get info desks this year

by Meredith Fisher

Hatchet Staff Writer

In an effort to make GW a more approachable, positive campus, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions is replacing areas in the Academic Center and Rice Hall previously occupied by security stations with student-staffed information centers, according to a University Relations press release.

Visitor Center Director Betty Sullivan said the two sites chosen are being redesigned to better suit the needs of the student representatives while also taking into consideration numerous safety-related concerns which need to be addressed. The marble-topped desk across from the elevators in the Academic Center has been used in the past as a security checkpoint, but will now display the yellow GW banner and rely on a staff of students trained in University public relations, Sullivan said. She added that both a campus phone and a direct-line phone to University Police are installed at the desk.

The desk in the Rice Hall's lobby has also been designed specifically for the needs of a student receptionist, according to Sullivan. "The long-range plans are that the lobby (of Rice Hall) will be redecorated, but for the time being, the construction site looks great," Sullivan said.

These information booths will not distribute phone numbers, as does the main Information Desk in the Marvin Center, but will be equipped with maps, directions and general campus information for students, visitors, staff and faculty, she said.

On weekdays, the Rice Hall desk will be staffed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the Academic Center location will operate from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Before and after these normal operational hours and on weekends, the desks will return to their previous assignment as security stations, Sullivan noted.

This new arrangement should not affect the quality of service provided by the University Police, as guards will be patrolling the desk areas every hour, Sullivan said. "In fact, I think that (additional roving police presence) will provide better security and the University hopes so, too," Sullivan said.

The position of part-time desk representative is open to all work-study students and qualified applicants will participate in a public relations training program similar to that which the Students Admissions Representatives experience, she said.

District colleges strengthen ties

by Deborah Solomon

News Editor

In an effort to solve campus security problems and strengthen ties among the District's area colleges, student leaders from five schools have started a consortium program to establish communication, according to Student Associations Vice President for Public Affairs Maria Proestou.

GW Student Association President Kyle Farmbry met with student body presidents from American University, University of the District of Columbia, Georgetown University and Mount Vernon College June 21 at GW's University Club to "establish initial contact and discuss pressing issues," according to Proestou.

An initial proposal describing possi-

ble solutions to campus security problems was drawn up at the meeting, Proestou said, adding the students now want to present the proposal to the District government.

"This has started out really well," Rosetta Bryson, president of the undergraduate student association at Mt. Vernon College, said. "It's a good opportunity to communicate and get dialogue going between the schools. There has been a lack of communication and hopefully this will help," Bryson said.

Other subjects discussed were drug-testing on college campuses, financial aid, library loans, social issues and the way student government is funded. Farmbry briefed the consortium about

his testimony before the Republican Task Force on Drugs May 15 regarding drug-testing on college campuses.

"I want us to work together toward focused goals," Farmbry said. "The general consensus is that this will work if we have specific goals," he added.

Some of the group's goals are to strengthen alcohol policies on campuses, to discuss diversity issues and expand community service programs.

According to Farmbry, the consortium is hoping to establish a common community outreach program either as a joint or independent project.

"The most important thing is making this system something we can stick to. We want to make sure we have a specific purpose. We've identified some shared goals," Farmbry said.

NLC gets 7 prestigious new profs

Congressional Professorship awarded to 'increase stature' of GW

by Collin Hill

Hatchet Staff Writer

The GW National Law Center announced that seven new professors and visiting scholars will become part of NLC this fall.

Acclaimed professor Louis B. Sohn will join the University faculty as the University's Congressional Professor, NLC Dean Jack Friedenthal said. Sohn will jointly teach at NLC and the Elliott School of International Affairs.

The Congressional Professorship is a post created by GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg to "increase the stature and visibility of GW," Friedenthal said.

Calling Sohn "one of the leading international organizational professors in history," Friedenthal said he believes Sohn will add visibility to GW. The position is awarded to "a scholar who has led a distinguished career in public service," according to a University press release.

A native of Poland, Sohn taught the first course in the United States on United Nations law, the press release said. He taught law at Harvard University for 35 years and has been the chairman of the Commission to Study the Organization of Peace since 1969.

While at GW, Sohn said he will continue as chair of the

CSOP, as well as doing research for the American Society for International Law.

Lawrence E. Mitchell will become a professor of corporate law at GW, according to the press release. Mitchell is currently an associate professor at Albany Law School where he has taught for four years. Prior to that, he spent six years in a private firm, Friedenthal said.

Along with Sohn, five other visiting scholars will be at GW next year. Marion Crain, an associate professor of law at the West Virginia University College of Law, will be at NLC for the spring semester. Phillip A. Hamburger, a professor at the University of Connecticut College of Law, will teach American legal history and contract law for both the fall and spring semesters at GW.

Robert M. Hardaway will visit from the University of Denver College of Law and he will teach civil procedure for both semesters. Alex Y. Seita, from Albany Law School, will be teaching international business transactions at GW for the fall semester only.

Ilene Nagel, who is currently a member of the United States Sentencing Commission as well as a professor at the University of Indiana, will teach at GW both semesters next year, Friedenthal said. She will teach a federal sentencing seminar and a course on white-collar crime.

Survey used to assess GW's retention rate

by Collin Hill

Hatchet Staff Writer

Incoming freshmen were required to complete a survey designed to measure the likelihood of whether or not they will remain at GW for their full college term, according to Director of Enrollment Management Cheryl Beil.

The survey was administered during Colonial Inauguration, GW's incoming student orientation program, that ran from June 18 through July 2.

The reason for the inclusive nature of this survey, Beil said, is so GW can evaluate the new Columbian College advising program. One of the stipulations for the creation of the advising program was that a system be established to evaluate the program's effectiveness, she added.

Beil, who worked on the survey with three psychologists, said she believes the survey operates on two levels. The first level "is on a basic demographic level" and the second is to better understand which students will remain at GW and the reasons why they are retained, Beil said. She added the survey will allow her to better understand how well students cope with college life and how GW lives up to their expectations.

The first page of the survey asks the student questions about why they chose GW. The next section focuses on understanding a more personal side of the student. Other questions ask the student to rate themselves on traits like popularity with the opposite sex, intellectual confidence and emotional health.

The next section poses questions about the student's expectations about the upcoming semester. Questions inquire about the student's confidence in establishing relationships after entering GW. For example, the student is asked to rate his or her confidence in "getting help when you need it from another student."

The next section is designed to evaluate whether the student is feeling depressed or suicidal.

A section concerning racial issues is also included in the survey. It asks students about self-perception with regard to racial feelings and his or her perception of other people.

The survey concludes with demographic questions about the student's family asking questions about the family's income and the education level achieved by the parents.

Quayle to speak at GW

Vice President of the United States Dan Quayle will be speaking at the commencement for District high school students involved with GW's School of Engineering and Applied Science apprenticeship program Aug. 16, according to a spokesperson for the Vice President's Office.

The program is a course for students

who are interested in science fields. The Department of Defense-sponsored program aims to help students find summer jobs in the science area.

Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program Director Mary Phillips would not comment on Quayle's attendance at the event.

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GW NVC to open

GW's Northern Virginia Campus is set to open at the start of the fall semester, according to Ed Jones, special assistant to the vice president for academic affairs at the Virginia campus.

Graduate students studying electrical engineering, computer science, business administration and public health will benefit from the research possibilities and partnerships with nearby industries, Jones said.

The first building has been completed on the 50-acre tract given to the University by the Charles E. Smith Company, the contractors in charge of development of the land. The new campus, located in Ashburn, Virginia, is approximately 32 miles from the Washington campus. The Virginia campus is not accessible by public transit, Jones noted.

The concept of a mutually beneficial partnership between the Ashburn community, Charles E. Smith Company and GW began in 1985 and was met with wide enthu-

siasm, Jones said.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for GW because over the years, the facilities on the campus will allow students to experience a partnership with private industries," Jones said.

Although the residents of Ashburn were concerned by the rapid development and traffic problems the new campus will bring, the developers and GW have addressed their concerns, Jones said. Jones said GW is going to make sure all University offerings would aid the community's needs and assist its industry and business.

In addition to added research space and greater experience opportunities for students, housing and day-care facilities will also be available, Jones said. The whole project is expected to evolve over a period of twenty or more years, he said.

"This is a great new venture. It's always exciting to launch something this new and different," GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said.

-Cathy Hsieh

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been here for twenty years," he said.

Labor relations between the University and unions, not just Local 82, may be detrimentally strained if an agreement cannot be reached. "This is a critical moment in labor relations with the University," Godoff said.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said he is optimistic an agreement will be reached and added, "We feel we have been negotiating in good faith."

Trachtenberg said the notices were given to employees in order to "tell them what the circumstances are."

Both sides met on Friday and no progress was made. They are planning on meeting again today with no other meetings scheduled if an agreement is not reached today. Godoff said the union "is prepared to meet whenever, however."

About 70 employees attended a lunch time rally in the courtyard behind the Hall of Government July 1 to review the state of negotiations and to show support among themselves. Union representatives Carolyn Lewis and Catherine Lopez spoke to the employees and then led a march to Rice Hall and back.

Lopez said because of likely increases in health care costs, the University's proposed wage increase becomes ineffective. "We're just asking for a fair contract," she said.

One issue the union and the Univer-

sity have already agreed upon will give employees with seniority first refusal rights for shift changes and for overtime hours when they are needed. For example, if overtime hours become available, volunteers will be accepted in order of seniority and if there are no volunteers the hours will be assigned to workers in reverse order of seniority.

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being requested . . . where time and public or personal safety is not compromised," should be included in the Operations Manual of the University Police Department.

The report also calls for the discussion of protocol with security officers at all orientation sessions for students, along with the issuance of a one page instruction sheet to be handed to students and faculty when they obtain their identification cards.

"Orientation sessions for students will help. Just so they are aware of protocol when dealing with security," Warner said.

In the area of Human Relations and Training, the report calls for security officers to attend prejudice reduction workshops and undergo psychological screening during the hiring process. "We wanted to make sure sensitivity training took place. With the officers coming from all

walks of life, they have different levels of enlightenment. We want to enlighten them since GW is so diverse," Warner said, adding that tests should also be conducted to detect any dependency on alcohol or drugs.

The report also calls for the establishment of a Campus Review Board "to respond to complaints brought against campus security and University Police Officers."

The committee recommended that a video explaining the role of UPD be shown to incoming students, and the establishment of a working relationship between UPD and the GW Greek-letter organization community should begin.

"We want to build positive relationships. If we can get students to know the police officers as more than just somebody who will bust you, we can develop good relationships," Warner said.

Goode said many of the recommendations correspond with the new laws governing campus crime. "We need to make sure there is communication between the community and University Police," he added.

There are no real strains on the relationship between UPD and students at this time, Goode said, adding "it is an ongoing task to nurture good relationships."

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insurance has been increasing anywhere from 20 to 30 percent in recent years nationwide.

Exstrum said the reason GW's premium may be so high is because younger, healthier people are picking the HMO plan. "This leaves the older, less healthy people on our plan, so we, or GW, end up paying more than other companies, and have to increase the

prices," she added.

Bortz said another major reason the premiums are so expensive is because of uncompensated care. "Millions of Americans are not insured. When someone comes into the emergency room and

is bleeding, the hospital is obligated to take care of them, whether they are insured or not," he said. The result of this is uncompensated care and the hospital has to pick up the bill.

Last year Bortz said \$30 million was paid out by GW Hospital for treatment to people without health insurance and about two-thirds of that figure was from emergency room treatment.

"Fifty thousand people entered through the emergency room last year and close to half of them could not pay for the care they received," he added.

Bortz said the benefits review committee did a study to see if it would be feasible to make the people who need the most health care to pay the most. The result in the Indemnity plan, he said, was an increase of \$200 in the monthly

premium per person, which would bring the total to more than \$600. He said the committee felt this was too expensive and that additional sharing of expenses by others in the same plan was a reasonable compromise.

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Everyone experiences some form of anxiety the first day of a new job. Regardless of whether this is your first job out of college or your fifth, the transition to a new job is challenging. There is a wealth of literature, however, on surviving the transition to a new job and on office politics. Here are just a few general tips to help you successfully persevere through your first few months at your new job.

● Expect a period of adjustment. Be prepared for a transition that may not be particularly comfortable. Understand that everyone experiences anxiety and be aware that your newness to the office is a two-way street. Allow yourself the experience of adjustment anxiety as you become acclimated to your new position

and surroundings.

● Remain Flexible. Don't assume things will be done the same way you are accustomed to — take the time to get to know the office, your co-workers and supervisor. Learn how the office hierarchy works and work within this

new structure. Remain flexible and open to different working styles and different aspects of your job. Be flexible to change — the only constant you, as a new employee, can count on.

● Get along with everybody. In addition to your ability to do the job, you need the essential skill of working effectively as part of a team. Strong interper-

sonal skills are important. Take the time to listen and be considerate of other's opinions and priorities. Remember, just as you will form opinions about co-workers, they will also form opinions about you. Appreciate those with whom you work — supervisors, co-workers and supervisors.

● Learn the organization's culture and hierarchy. Listen carefully and observe and assess the culture of the organization. Determine the organization's values — are they efficiency,

quality? Assess who holds the power and their formal and informal organizational charts. Develop a good working relationship within the hierarchy.

● Finally, know how you are doing. To manage your transition to a new job, seek out an occasional "reality check." Ask your boss what you are doing well and what may need improvement. In addition to your annual or semiannual performance review, identify ways for you to receive feedback on your work.

You may rely heavily, at least in the beginning, on feedback from others. Once you learn your new position, you may have a better idea of what constitutes a good performance.

For more information on adjusting to a new position, consult the Career and Cooperative Education Center's

resource library. You may find the *CPC Annual* and the *National Business Employment Weekly* to be particularly helpful. In addition to the above-mentioned tips, always remember to relax and put your best foot forward.

CCEC is the centralized career planning office serving GW students and alumni. The Center is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and is located in the Academic Center, Suite T-509. Come in or call at (202)994-6495 for more information.

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SPORTS

Brigham heads the Hatchet's Top 10 Recruit List

by Holger Stolzenberg

Acting Sports Editor

With the GW 1991-92 athletic season about to start up again, many teams are looking forward to getting their new recruits. This being perhaps the Colonials best overall recruiting season, here is a predicted Top 10 list of newcomers that should make the biggest impacts on their respective teams.

1. Bill Brigham (Men's Basketball)

If there are any new players that could gain a starting role, Brigham would be the best bet.

Though not exactly a new recruit, the 6-7 forward/center is likely to make the biggest impact on GW. He has already been at GW for a year (red-shirted) and is finally eligible to play.

With two years of eligibility remaining, Brigham played for Boston University for two seasons under GW head coach Mike Jarvis and therefore is not a stranger to the coach's game-plans.

"(Brigham) is a good choice for the number one spot," Jarvis said. "He would have started for me last year. He has improved, gotten stronger and he is very hungry."

As a sophomore at BU, Brigham averaged 10.9 points per game and led his teammates in rebounds, averaging 7.3 per game.

2. Debbie Hemery (Women's Basketball)

This 5-8 point guard should become a big contributor almost immediately for the Colonial women. Hemery, considered to be one of the top point guard recruits in the nation and could be the final piece in GW head coach Joe McKeown's puzzle in making the Colonial women one of the top team's in the nation.

Hemery scored nearly 12 points a game and picked up 82 assists in her

senior year at Christ the King High School in New York, while leading her team to a 26-2 season, ranking it third in the nation among high school teams.

3. Marcello Valencia (Men's Soccer)

Could he be another Mario Lono? That has yet to be determined, but this 5-4, 130-pound forward/midfielder should make considerable contributions on a team that lost several key players from last season's squad.

Valencia has been a three-time All-Metro selection and was named the 1990 All-Metro "Player of the Year" by the Washington Post and the Journal Newspaper and was an All-South All-America selection.

Holding his high school's single-season scoring record with 30 goals, Valencia has managed to score 80 goals in his career of varsity high school play.

4. Darlene Saar (Women's Basketball)

Yes, the women's basketball team is getting two players from Christ the King, a school that has a 95-14 record over the four years that both Saar and Hemery played on it.

A 6-1 forward/guard, she played side-by-side with Hemery and averaged 14.7 points a game and grabbed seven rebounds per contest, finishing her high school career as the school's leading scorer.

Like Hemery, she was named as both a New York State All-Star and a first team All-New York City player.

5. Robert "Nimbo" Hammons (Men's Basketball)

Though the men's basketball team signed several talented freshmen, Hammons could be the top player in the group. A 6-6 strong forward out of Bryan Station High School in Lexing-

ton, Ky., he has a shot to get a spot in the Colonials' starting five.

Hammons was a finalist for the "Mr. Basketball" award in Kentucky and averaged 22 points, eight rebounds and five assists as a senior. He was also named to the Kentucky All-State team.

"Hammons played in very tough competition in Kentucky. His experience will help us," Jarvis said.

6. Bill Hightower (Baseball)

This could be the GW baseball team's finest recruiting year yet and GW head coach John Castleberry is looking for the 6-4 outfielder/left-handed pitcher to make an immediate impact.

Hightower, a junior college transfer from North Florida Junior College, batted .364 in his first season at college and was chosen to play in the 1990-91 Florida Junior College All-Star game.

7. Megan Mitchell (Women's Swimming)

A swimmer that will walk into school having already broken five GW swimming times. Though GW swimming head coach Bob Hassett has signed 13 women swimmers, Hassett feels Mitchell will stand out.

She already has broken GW's times in the 100-meter, 200-meter, 500-meter, 1,000-meter and the 1,650-meter freestyle events.

8. Marcus Ford (Men's Basketball)

Another of Mike Jarvis' strong recruits to continue the basketball team's surge towards the top of the Atlantic 10 Conference. A transfer from Polk Community College, Ford will give the Colonials three years of eligibility.

A 6-6 point guard, Ford averaged 19.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and eight assists a game in his senior year in high



photo by Greg Heller

After a year off, Bill Brigham is anxious to swat away opponents.

school. Ford has gained a lot of experience and played on winning teams, which should help the Colonials this upcoming season, according to Jarvis.

9. Dennis Healy (Baseball)

One thing the baseball coaching staff did was heavily recruit pitchers and this 5-11 right-handed pitcher is one of the finest.

In his first two seasons of varsity baseball, Healy had a 10-6 record with a 1.67 earned run average, while striking out 151 batters, which perhaps will give

GW another topnotch starter next to staff ace Bill Anderson.

10. Armando Serrano (Men's Swimming)

This young swimmer out of Columbia, South America is expected to make a splash for the men's swimming team. Though there was a question about whether GW would ever get Serrano, Hassett did finally get him.

Serrano is currently attending the Pan American games and has swam in the U.S. Junior National Championships and was a member of the Colombian National Swim Team.

Jarvis leads East team

by Yosefi Seltzer

Hatchet Sports Writer

GW men's basketball head coach Mike Jarvis continues his rise to national stardom by heading up the Olympic Festival East team, which competes July 13 through July 16 at the Pauley Pavilion at the University of California-Los Angeles.

"Every single day is a challenge," Jarvis said. "I coached on the Olympic Trials teams in 1980 and 1988 and it's a chance to be involved in the Olympic movement and represent GW nationally," he said.

The East team is one of four teams made up of 12 collegiate incoming freshmen or sophomores who are chosen to participate from over 200 invitees. The teams play a round-robin schedule over the four days with the top players from each team having the possibility of being chosen to play on the Junior National team.

Despite the images of warm climate and comfortable surroundings L.A. conjures up, Jarvis said the players are strictly business once they arrive.

"We came in last week and had about three days to prepare and get ready to play together. It's not just an exhibition. The players are competing for playing time and to make a good showing," he said.

The players Jarvis is coaching have also given him more optimism and self-

assuredness about the talent currently playing for GW.

"Sonni (Holland) or Dirck (Surles) could definitely have made these squads. It's unfortunate they're a year too old. The talent is good and this makes me look at our team in a better light, meaning that a lot of these kids aren't any better than the kids we have," Jarvis said.

The roster consists of freshmen Danny Hurley from St. Anthony's H.S., who will attend Seton Hall in the fall, and Donyell Marshall from Reading H.S., who will begin his collegiate career at University of Connecticut this fall.

The sophomore players are Derrick Alston from Duquesne University, Bernard Blunt from St. Joseph's University, Joey Brown and Robert Churchwell from Georgetown University, Howard J. Easley from Boston College, James M. McIlvaine from Marquette University, Shawnelle R. Scott from St. John's University, Ahmad Shareef from University of Pittsburgh, Dickey Simpkins from Providence University and Byron Smith from Central Connecticut State University.

Jarvis was selected as head coach Feb. 25 based on his personal interest and availability, according to a U.S.

Olympic Basketball spokesman.

Sports briefs

NBA stars to be at Smith Center

Cleveland Cavaliers forward Danny Ferry, Miami Heat guard Sherman Douglas and Atlanta Hawks forward John Battle will be among several players that will be playing for the Washington D.C. adult team in the Pro-Am/D.C. Summer Classic basketball tournament at the Smith Center this weekend.

The Pro-Am Tournament will be hosted by D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon, CBS Sports basketball analyst Len Elmore and Washington Bullet's center Pervis Ellison. The three-day competition is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, through Saturday, July 20 and will feature both a junior and a adult team from Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and D.C.

The junior team will be made up of high school players, while the adult team is open for the coach to pick from, though it will mainly consist of pro's and ex-collegiate players.

Who will play for the Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York teams have yet to be determined. Other than Ferry, Douglas and Battle, the Washington team also has Southwestern Texas State's Dalate Taylor, Gene Smith and Michael Graham (both former of Georgetown).

The pro match-up will take place Saturday, July 20, at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The consolation match-up will be at 6:30 p.m. and the finals at 7:30 p.m. The juniors will play Friday, July 19, at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and will play the consolation match-up Saturday at 11:30 a.m. while playing the finals at 1 p.m.

Volleyball

Former Georgetown volleyball assistant coach Orlando Valle has been added to GW's coaching staff. A former professional, Valle was an assistant at GU for the past two seasons.

"(Valle) will help us in several different areas," GW head coach Susan Homan said. "He will do a good job of bringing in his playing experiences and then transferring his knowledge to the team. He is a good technical coach. I'm confident that he will fit in here at GW," she said.

Crew

Alumnae rower Tina Brown (1990) made the U.S. National rowing team and will be competing in Vienna, Austria in August in the Women's Pair competition.

Two GW alumni will be competing in the Pan Am games in Havana, Cuba in August — Michelle Knox (1986) and Molly Hoyle (1984). The two rowers will be sculling with Knox entered in the quadruple scull, while Hoyle is competing in the double scull.

Senior Ann Brossard has been chosen to row for the U.S. Olympic Festival's East team in Los Angeles next week. She will be in the sixth seat in the Women's varsity eight race.

GW freshmen men's coach Darius Unwalla will be the coxswain in the men's four competition for the East Team.

Smith Center Renovations

The 1991-92 fiscal operating and capital budget was approved by GW's Board of Trustees May 9, which will look into the next stage of planning for renovations to the Smith Center and the construction of a new independent recreation center.

Vice President and Treasurer Louis H. Katz said the actual costs for the projects would be researched this year, but that the entire operation would be limited to just the planning stages.